

PROGRAM TITLE: NEW PROCESSES (1300)

OBJECTIVE: To develop new processes for the recovery and conversion of tobacco raw materials to a form suitable for cigarette manufacture.

PROGRAM APPROACH AND TIMING:

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| A. Develop a wet process for the further recovery of tobacco from Stemmy discard dust. | 3rd-4th Qtr. |
| B. Develop techniques to include fine blend components (dust) in RL size to increase process speed by reducing Fourdrinier wire pluggage. | 1st-4th Qtr. |
| C. Evaluate foamed BL/RL sheet techniques to improve filling power. | |
| D. Evaluate processes for small-scale recon operation for International applications. | 4th Qtr. |

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